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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD FOR VISUAL-BASED RECOGNITION OF AN OBJECT

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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/698,111	HARVILLE, MICHAEL	
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	BERNARD KRASNIC	2624	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5/05/2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-40 now renumbered as 1-40.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
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 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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/Bernard Krasnic/
Examiner, Art Unit 2624

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action incorporates Reasons For Allowance.
2. The Applicant's Amendment After Non-Final filed 5/05/2010 has been entered and made of record.
3. The application has pending claim(s) 1-40.

Response to Arguments

4. The Applicant's Amendment After Non-Final filed 5/05/2010 in the front sheet of page 1 has inadvertently made the Examiner the Applicant of the invention. "In re Application of: KRASNIC, et al." is suggested to be -- In re Application of: HARVILLE -- in future correspondences.
5. The Applicant alleges, "IMPROPER OFFICIAL NOTICE ..." in pages 11-13, and states respectively that the Examiner has taken Official Notice in rejecting claim 10 and that the Examiner should produce authority for this assertion. The Examiner disagrees and directs the Applicant to page 15 of the Examiner's Non-Final dated 2/05/2010 wherein Li in the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection is clearly used for support in the rejection and motivation in rejecting claim 10.

6. The Applicant alleges, "35 U.S.C. 112, FIRST PARAGRAPH ..." in page 13, and states respectively that the Examiner has not explicitly withdrawn the 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph rejection. The Examiner disagrees and directs the Applicant to section 3 at paragraph 2 on page 2 of the Final Office Action dated 6/04/2009 wherein the Examiner clearly withdrew such 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph rejections because the Applicant's arguments filed on 2/27/2009 on pages 12-13 [Section 35 U.S.C. 112] were persuasive.

7. Applicant's arguments, see "The Office Action states at the last 4 lines ..." in page 17 through "Applicant respectfully submits that Mahbub ..." in pages 19-20, filed 5/05/2010, with respect to claims 1-7 and 9-39 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Further the Mahbub prior art reference teaches away from "generating said plan-view image as if said object was viewed at an axis normal to ground level from above" because Mahbub clearly states that the field of view of the imaging system placed near the dome light [essentially at an axis normal to ground level from above] could be obstructed by the head of an occupant making it non-desirable and moreover such a location would not be desirable for vehicles with sunroofs (see Mahbub, [0042] at lines 10-13). Therefore, the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejections of claims 1-7 and 9-39 has been withdrawn.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

8. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-40 (now renumbered as 1-40, for issue) are allowed.

Independent claim 1 (now renumbered as claim 1, for issue) respectively recites the limitations of: extracting a plan-view template from said plan-view image, wherein at least a portion of said plan-view image is transformed; and processing said plan-view template at a classifier, that is executing on a computer system, to assign a class to said plan-view template, wherein said classifier is trained to make a decision according to pre-configured parameters determined at least in part based on said class of said plan-view template.

Independent claim 23 (now renumbered as claim 23, for issue) respectively recites the limitations of: a plan-view template generator for generating a plan-view template based on said plan-view image; and a classifier for making a decision concerning recognition of said object, wherein said classifier is trained to make said decision according to pre-configured parameters that were determined at least in part based on a class assigned to said plan-view template.

Independent claim 32 (now renumbered as claim 32, for issue) respectively recites the limitations of: processing said plan-view image at a classifier, that is executing on a computer system, wherein said classifier is trained to make a decision according to pre-configured parameters and wherein said pre-configured parameters were determined based at least in part on a class assigned to a plan-view template that was extracted from said plan-view image by transforming at least a portion of said plan-

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view image, said classifier does not require other view images based on different orientations than at said axis normal to ground level from above of said object in order to make said decision.

The combination of these features as cited in the claims in combination with the other limitations of the claims are neither disclosed nor suggested by the prior art of record.

The closest reference Beymer ("Person Counting Using Stereo" – 2000 IEEE, as applied in previous Office Action) discloses generating an occupancy map from the volume of interest using an accumulation of all disparity pixels that land in the corresponding vertical buckets in order to track multiple people from an overhead camera. However, Beymer does not teach the limitations cited above.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BERNARD KRASNIC whose telephone number is

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(571)270-1357. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur 8:00am-4:00pm and every other Friday 8:00am-3:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bhavesh Mehta can be reached on (571) 272-7453. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

/Bhavesh M Mehta/

Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2624

/Bernard Krasnic/

June 24, 2010